

Sunday, March 20, 2005

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS:

Senate passed S. 686, Private Relief.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 23, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3099–S3112

Measures Introduced: Two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 686–687, S. Res. 92, and S. Con. Res. 23–24. **Page S3105**

Measures Passed

Private Relief: Senate passed S. 686, for the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo.

Pages S3099–S3103

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 23, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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Congressional Record—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the Congressional Record remain open for statements

only on Monday, March 21, 2005, from 11 am until 5 p.m. **Page S3104**

Messages From the House: **Page S3105**

Measures Referred: **Page S3105**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements **Pages S3104–05**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 4:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Monday, March 21, 2005, unless the House of Representatives adopts S. Con. Res. 23, Adjournment Resolution, at which time the Senate will then be in adjournment until 2 p.m., on Monday, April 4, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3112.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 1452–1454, were introduced. **Page H1729, H1735**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1729, H1735**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 181, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–27); and

H. Res. 182, providing for consideration of S. 686, for the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo (H. Rept. 109–28). **Page H1729, H1735**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. Ronald F. Christian, Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Fairfax, Virginia. **Page H1699**

Clerk Messages: Read letters from the Clerk notifying the House that he received messages from the Senate. **Page H1699**

Notification of Reassembly: Read the text of the formal notification sent to Members on Saturday, March 19, 2005, of the reassembling of the House.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:04 p.m. and reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

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Consideration of Suspensions: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Speaker may decline to entertain a motion to adjourn until after disposition of the motion to suspend the rules described in this order; that it be in order at any time on Sunday, March 20, for the Speaker to entertain a motion that the House suspend the rules with respect to S. 686; and that such motion be debatable for three hours.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

For the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo: S. 686, for the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 203 yeas to 58 nays, Roll No. 90—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H1700–28, H1731–35

District Work Period: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 23, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

Pages H1728–29

Senate Referral: S. 653 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H1728. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and at 12:46 a.m. on Monday, March 21, pursuant to the

provisions of S. Con. Res. 23, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2005.

Committee Meetings

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same date it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule on or before the legislative day of April 5, 2005, providing for consideration of a bill relating to the rights of an incapacitated person or persons.

FOR THE RELIEF OF THE PARENTS OF THERESA MARIE SCHIAVO

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing ten minutes of debate in the House on S. 686, for the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearing scheduled.

House

No meeting/hearings scheduled.